Foreign Nationals in Jails without Trial

4038. SHRIMATI DILKUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreign nationals arrested under Section 14 of Foreign Nationals Act have been lodged in different jails without trial in Meghalaya and Assam; and

(b) if so, the details of such persons as on November 30, 1991, and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). According to the information available as on February 1991, no foreign nationals were lodged in the jails of Meghalaya and Assam under section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

Harassment to Indians Speaking Nepali Language in North East States

4039. SHRIMATI DILKUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Indian nationals who speak Nepali Language are harassed at checkposts and their movements are curtailed in some of the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations from the aggrieved people for removal of such harassment; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Government have received representation from the organisation of Nepalis alleging harassment of the Nepali Speaking Indian citizens at check posts.

(c) The State Government of Assam have issued instructions to all the Deputy Commissioners/Superintendents of Police to ensure that no innocent persons are harassed at the check gates.

News-Item Captioned "Neglect, Apathy by Civic Bodies"

4040. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Neglect, apathy by civic bodies" appearing in the Indian Express dated November 5, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the points raised therein; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases Registered against M.C.D. by Delhi Police

4041. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases have